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PASS TO CONGRESSMAN WAYNE HAYS, HOUSE OFFICE BLDG.

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SUBJECT: 25TH ANNIVERSARY FULBRIGHT COMMISSION

1. I JOIN FULLY WITH YOUR FRENCH HOSTS IN REGRETTING THAT YOU HAVE BEEN PREVENTED FROM ATTENDING TWO DAYS OF CELEBRATION OF TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

2. IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO PROGRAM BY FRENCH CLEARLY EVIDENCED AMONG OTHER THINGS BY SUBSTANTIAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS TO THE EXCHANGE COMMISSION WHICH IN SOME YEARS HAVE EXCEEDED U.S. CONTRIBUTION.

3. FRENCH HAD ARRANGED DISTINGUISHED PROGRAM TO MARK MILESTONE WITH YOU AS GUEST OF HONOR. THIS INCLUDED LUNCH AT SORBONNE, DINNER AT FOREIGN MINISTRY, CEREMONY AND LUNCHEON AT EXCHANGE COMMISSION, AND MEETINGS WITH CABINET LEVEL OFFICIALS AND RANKING MEMBERS PARLIAMENT. SEVERAL OF THESE OFFICIALS HAD PLANNED TO ATTEND MY DINNER IN YOUR HONOR.

4. AS I UNDERTAKE MY MISSION HERE' IT IS HEARTWARMING AND REASSURING EXPERIENCE FIRST-HAND WHAT EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM BEARING YOUR NAME HAS CONTRIBUTED TO DEEPEST LEVELS OF UNDERSTANDING AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN FRENCH AND AMERICANS.

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5. BOTH YOUR NAME AND SPIRIT WILL BE FREQUENTLY INVOKED

OVER THESE TWO DAYS OF COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES AND I
AM PLEASED AND PROUD TO BE PART OF THEM.
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